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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 16



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In filing to seek my 9th consecutive term in the House of Representatives, I am above all deeply honored to have served the people of Kauai and the State of Hawaii. With the same energy and enthusiasm that I felt when I first entered politics back in 1987, I will continue the arduous task of improving education, diversifying our economy, addressing the ice epidemic, and promoting the health and welfare of all of our citizens.

In spite of the duration of my current tenure in office, I am not a career politician. My background has been in education, beginning as a teacher at the elementary and intermediate grade levels. After obtaining my master's in education at New York University, I became vice-principal at Eleele School, then principal at Kekaha and later Eleele School again. Subsequently, I assumed the position as Kauai District educational specialist for curriculum development in language arts, then Deputy District Superintendent for Kauai just prior to being appointed to the Legislature upon the death of my husband, Richard Kawakami, who had just been elected Speaker of the House.

At the Legislature, I am currently the Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee as well as a member of the Human Services and Housing Committee.

Being in public service has indeed been a great privilege and an honor. Therefore, I humbly ask for your continued support and trust in me. Thank you!

